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It is hereby requested that a three-month extension of time be granted in the above identified application from the Non-Final Office Action, dated May 4, 2006, which extends the period for reply to November 6, 2006 (November 4, 2006 being a Saturday).

This Extension of time is being requested for the purpose of filing:

- ☒ a response to the Office Action dated May 4, 2006.
☐ formal drawings.
☐ (The Issue Fee due _____ has been timely filed.)
☐ a Notice of Appeal.
☐ (A timely response to the Final Rejection due _____ has been filed.)
☐ an Appeal Brief.
☐ a Request for Continued Examination (RCE).
☐ Other: _____
☐ Other: _____
☐ The fee for a _____-month extension of time has previously been paid on _____.

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Respectfully submitted,

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